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SUBJ: BOTSWANA TAKEOVER OF RHODESIAN RAILWAY: U.S. LOCOMOTIVE
SUPPLIERS INTERVIEWED

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1. AMCITS ROBERT S. HIGHT AND T.E. NELSON, G.E. REPRESENTATIVES FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC S.A. (BENONI, JOHANNESBURG) AND GENERAL ELECTRIC IN NEW YORK CITY, WERE INTERVIEWED IN GABORONE MARCH 3 BY MEMBERS OF BRITISH RAILWAY CONSULTING FIRM OF TRANSMARK, ENGAGED BY GOB TO PLAN BOTSWANA TAKEOVER AND EXPANSION OF RHODESIAN RAILWAY. HIGHT DESCRIBED INTERVIEW AS A PRELIMINARY STEP TO TRANSMARK VISIT OF G.E. LOCOMOTIVE PLANT IN BENONI (JOHANNESBURG) WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

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2. TRANSMARK LEADER, REGINALD GREGORY, WHO WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME GENERAL MANAGER OF BOTSWANA RAILWAY, TOLD HIGHT THAT THE GOB WOULD NOT IMPOSE SPECIFICATIONS FOR ENGINES BUT WOULD ADAPT TO THOSE OF THE SUPPLIER. MOREOVER, HE NOTED THAT THE UK WAS OUT OF THE RAILWAY BUSINESS. THESE REMARKS LED HIGHT TO CONCLUDE THAT THE GOB WAS INTENDING TO BUY ITS ENGINES

(ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT IN NUMBER) FROM THE AMERICAN SUPPLIER.

3. GM LOCOMOTIVE REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVE IN GABORONE WEEK
OF MARCH 6, ALSO FROM SOUTH AFRICA, TO HAVE INTERVIEWS WITH
TRANSMARK TEAM. NORLAND

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